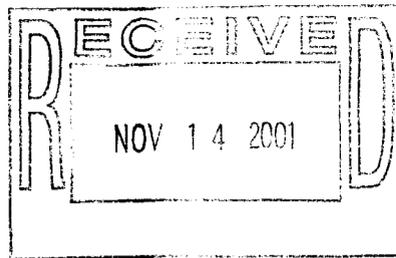


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RE: Protected Species Special Exemption Permits;
Docket No. 001031304-0304-01

Dear Ms. Terbush:

As director of Miami Metrozoo, an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), I am writing to fully endorse AZA's comments with regard to the National Marine Fisheries Service's proposed regulations pertaining to the public display of marine mammals.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Regards,

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